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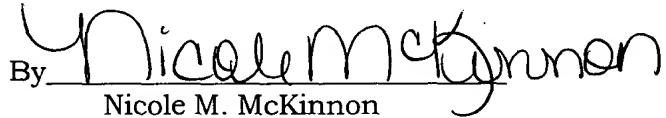
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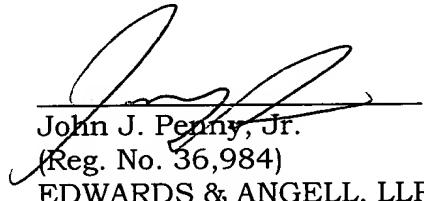
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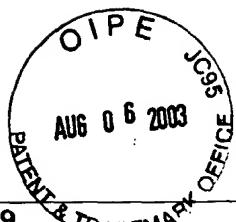
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	AA	4,639,150	01/27/87	Habermann	384	536	March 25, 1986

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)

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